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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6268** NOTE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2002

BILL NUMBER: SB 228 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Long BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides for the adoption of the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

#### **Explanation of State Expenditures:**

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill establishes a reciprocal agreement for judgements made in certain civil cases in Indiana courts and courts in other states that have adopted the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act. Allowing the civil judgements made in other adopting states to have the same standing in an Indiana court could reduce the number of hearings needed to enforce these judgments if the court can accept the judgment at face value.

The number of cases filed enforcing judgements from other states is not known.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Court Fee Revenue: The bill establishes a \$5.00 fee for filing the foreign judgment in Indiana's trial courts. Fee revenue would be deposited in the county general fund in which the court resides.

# **State Agencies Affected:**

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**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts; County Auditors.

**Information Sources:** 

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